

STATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2005
House Hearing Room D

Members Present: Victor Moore, OFM; Maureen Hart, AGO, Senator Margarita Prentice, Representative Helen Sommers (by telephone).

Representative Sommers called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M. Representative Sommers nominated Victor Moore to be chair. Senator Prentice seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously that Victor Moore be the new chair of the committee.

Representative Sommers moved adoption of the minutes. Senator Prentice second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Jones and Kristen Fraser presented an overview of the changes to the expenditure limit by SB 6078. Representative Sommers asked if the Education Legacy Account was included under the limit. Kristen Fraser said no. Victor Moore asked what part of the Water Quality Account is included since it receives revenue and transfers from multiple sources. Dave Johnson reported all of it is included. Victor Moore asked if the provisions for spending outside the limit and the 2/3 votes for a transfer from the emergency reserve fund were still in place. Steve Jones reported they were. Representative Sommers asked whether the limit would be “tighter with the elimination of the old “two way street.” Dave Johnson thought that it would.

Dave Johnson presented a summary of how the limits were calculated. Representative Sommers asked if the 2006 supplemental were included. Dave Johnson said no. Victor Moore asked why a motion for a 2009 projection was not required. Kristen Fraser explained that it was not required by the statute but presented as a courtesy.

Senator Prentice moved adoption of the proposed 2005 limit. Representative Sommers seconded. Maureen Hart recused herself because she has appeared in litigation over the state expenditure limit. The Motion carried unanimously.

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Senator Prentice moved adoption of the proposed 2007 and 2008-limit projection. Representative Sommers seconded the motion. Maureen Hart recused herself because she has appeared in litigation over the state expenditure limit. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.